[English]

Documents in National Archives of India Centre, Bhopal

1512. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of total number of documents preserved in the National Archives of India Centre, Bhopal, the total number of documents available during the last three years;

(b) the period to which these documents belong;

(c) the details of the facilities provided for the study of documents kept in this centre;

(d) whether some of documents have been restricted for viewing by the public;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether there is any scheme for the expansion of Bhopal centre; and

(g) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) The total number of files and volumes preserved in the National Archives of India Centre, Bhopal are as under :

Files	-	3,58,464
Volumes	-	28,704

No records have been accessioned during the last three years.

(b) 1860-1949.

(c) Records housed in the National Archives of India Centre, Bhopal are open for consultation as per the National Archives of India Research Rules, 1982.

(d) No, Sir. There is no restriction for consultation of open period records as governed by the National Archives of India Research Rules, 1982.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) and (g). Air-Conditioned Micro-filming Repository has been set up to house microfilms of records being prepared under 'Security Micro filming Programme'.

Turbo-Generating Sets

1513. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
SHRI HARIN PATHAK :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that non-availability of OECF loan for procurement of turbo-generating sets for river bed house of the Sardar Sarovar Project is being delayed;

(b) if so, whether alternatives are being considered by the Union Government;

(c) whether the Government are aware that a stalemats is created with regard to non-availability of OECF loan and non-operation of letter of credit with M/s Sumitomo Corporation, Japan; and

(d) if so, the action being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve the stalemate?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). In the 7th meeting of the Review Committee for Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA) held on 13th November, 1996 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Water Resources, it was agreed that the negotiating team as already set up by Ministry of Water Resources in October 1996, should hold talks with M/s. Sumitomo Corporation, Japan, the suppliers of the Turbo-generating sets for the river bed power house of Sardar Sarovar Project and expedite early procurement and installation of Turbo-generating sets already manufactured and stored or in advance stage of fabrication in Japan. It will lead to further course of action in this regard.

[Translation]

Purchase of Missiles by Pakistan

1514. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news item captioned "Pak ne Bharat ke Tatiya Shehron ko nishana banane wali missile kharidi" appearing in Rashtriya Sahara dated October 28, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the security of coastal cities of the country;

(d) whether Indian Coast Guard have adequate number of modern missiles with proportional dynamism;

(e) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to get missiles; and

(f) whether the missiles purchased by the Government are much better than the missiles purchased by Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Pakistan has signed a deal with France for Agosta Class Submarines with under-water missile